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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada has been coordinating the development of the *Carson Valley Discovery Trail* since 2007. The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) is a community-based organization focused on providing non-motorized recreation opportunities for the general public. The Project area is located in Douglas and Carson City Counties (see enclosed map).

In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, an EA to evaluate the potential effects of trail construction and maintenance will be prepared by the BLM.

In preparing their proposal, the CVTA has provided the BLM with the following information:

- Construct and maintain 45 miles of new non-motorized trails along the westside of the Pine Nut Mountains;
- The trail system would include one primary trail with five loop trails;
- The new trails would involve BLM-managed lands and a small portion of lands managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (and is participating as a Cooperating Agency);
- Utilize two existing trailhead/access points for parking and trail information;
- Modify or construct eight new trailhead/access points for parking and trail information; and
- Installation of directional and educational signage.

To assist the BLM in evaluating the CVTA's proposal and whether there are existing concerns or conflict of uses for the Carson Valley Discovery Trail project, your input is requested at this early stage.

- Do you have knowledge of sensitive or unique resources within the proposed project area?
- Do you have knowledge of conflicts between recreation users within the proposed project area?
- Do you have knowledge of conflicts with the proposed trailhead/access points?
- Do you have other information about the proposed project area that could assist us with our evaluation?

How to Comment

**** Public meetings ****

This project will be presented on Thursday November 1, 2012 to the Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:30 am and to the Douglas County Commissioners meeting at 1 pm.

A workshop will also be held on Wednesday November 14, 2012 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the Pinon Hills Elementary School, 1479 Stephanie Way, Minden, Nevada in the multi-purpose room.

This 30-day scoping period closes on November 25, 2012.

Should you have any questions, or to submit your comments, contact: Brian Buttazoni, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701 or email at: bbuttazoni@blm.gov. For more information call: 775-885-6004. Comments can also be faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Brian Buttazoni

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Thomas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leon Thomas
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